

Application No. 10/662,950
Preliminary Amendment
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REMARKS

Each of new claims 18-37 is respectfully submitted to clearly patentably distinguish over the references of record in applicant's prior patent 6,4004,325 issued June 11, 2002

New claims 19, 30, and 37 are supported for example by the new section of text being added by the present Preliminary Amendment, at page 12 of the specification, the second paragraph of the new section, the third line of the second paragraph, and new claims 24 and 35 are supported by the second paragraph of the new section of text, the fifth line of the second paragraph.

Declaration Re the Material Being Added at Page 12 of the Specification

The undersigned hereby declares that the new section of text being added at page 12 of the specification is the same material as the text found in the Provisional Patent Application No. 60/070,758 at page 1, said Provisional Application having been incorporated by reference at page 1 of the present specification, the last three lines of the CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, so that no new matter is being added. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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GENERAL AUTHORIZATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3)

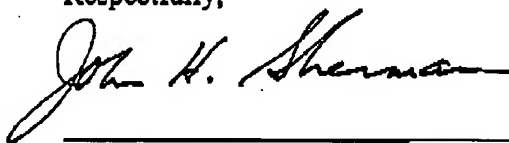
The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to treat this or any future paper, requiring a petition for an extension of time, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to deposit account 14-1190.

Conclusion

A favorable action on each of the new claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully,



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